GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
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Electricity to All
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether over 300 million people in the country do not have access to the electricity grid and are living in complete darkness, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(b) the steps being taken by the Government to provide electricity to all in future?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER,
COAL, NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINES

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) & (b) : As per Census 2011 data, out of 1678 lakh rural households in the country, there were 750 lakh un-electrified rural households. Subsequently, 249.89 lakh Below Poverty Line (BPL) Households have been released connections under Deendayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY), including Rural Electrification component, as on 31.10.2016.

Providing electricity to all is primarily the responsibility of the State Government. However, Government of India has launched DDUGJY in December, 2014. Under this scheme, it is envisaged to create adequate infrastructure to provide access to electricity to all villages and provide access to all. To achieve the objectives of 'Power for All', availability of power to the States from various sources, adequacy of Inter State Transmission System (ISTS), Intra-State Transmission System and distribution infrastructure are reviewed in consultation with the States.
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